

# STAKEHOLDERS' NEWSLETTER



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# Greetings

*As we close out another meaningful year at The Martinsburg Initiative, I'm filled with deep gratitude for the compassion, partnership, and unwavering commitment shown by our staff, volunteers, and community allies. From warming our town to supporting families during the holidays, from strengthening professional skills to preparing vital winter resources, each effort reflects the heart of TMI's mission.*

## HONORING MAURY RICHARDS

This season brought the profound loss of Maury Richards, founder of The Martinsburg Initiative. Maury's vision and leadership laid the foundation for the work we continue today. His belief in prevention, partnership, and the power of community will forever shape TMI's legacy. We honor his memory through our ongoing commitment to serving Martinsburg with empathy, innovation, and purpose.

## WARMING THE TOWN

This week, our team continued the tradition of "Warming the Town," distributing dozens of socks, hats, scarves, and other cold-weather clothing items throughout Martinsburg. These simple essentials, hung in public spaces for anyone in need, demonstrate that small acts of care often have the greatest impact. At a time when the temperatures drop and challenges rise, we are proud to offer warmth and support in tangible ways.

## COLD WEATHER SHELTER

We are deeply grateful to the Martinsburg City Council for allocating opioid settlement funding to help TMI lead the establishment of a new cold-weather shelter this winter. This initiative represents an important step in ensuring community members experiencing homelessness have a warm, safe place to stay during the most dangerous months of the year.

The Martinsburg Cold Weather Shelter will operate nightly from January 1 through March 7, hosted by local churches and staffed by dedicated shelter managers. Its goals are clear: improving access to emergency shelter, strengthening the health and well-being of guests, and increasing community involvement in supporting those living outside. We thank the churches and volunteers who have stepped forward so far, and we remain committed to building a system of care rooted in dignity, compassion, and safety.





## JOYS & TOYS

December also marked the 6th year of our Joys and Toys giveaway—an event that has truly become one of the most heartfelt traditions in our community. Thanks to our generous Secret Santa, who once again donated full tractor-trailers of toys, clothing, hygiene items, and household goods, thousands of items were made available to local families. Volunteers from TMI and our partner organizations worked side by side to unload, sort, and prepare these gifts.

Throughout the week, school counselors, social workers, and community organizations “shopped” for the children and families they serve, ensuring that hundreds of local kids will wake up to joy on Christmas morning. Joys and Toys is more than an event: it is a testament to how compassion, collaboration, and generosity can transform lives. We look forward to sharing photos and more details with you soon.

## EDVENTURE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

On November 20, TMI partnered with the WV Family Engagement Center to host a dynamic regional training that brought educators, caregivers, and community partners together for a powerful day of connection and learning. Participants explored how to strengthen family-school relationships, elevate Appalachian cultural strengths, build trust, and use play and engagement strategies that support families statewide. These conversations reaffirmed a core truth: when families, schools, and communities work together, everyone thrives. We extend our thanks to all who participated and contributed to this meaningful day.

## SBIRT TRAINING

In early December, TMI staff and partners completed a transformative SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) training. This practical, evidence-based model equips frontline professionals to identify and address substance use concerns with confidence and compassion. As Police Support Specialist Alex Gonzales shared, "It gave me simple, practical tools I can immediately use in the field... and recognize when a referral is needed." This training marks another important step in strengthening our community's capacity to respond effectively to substance misuse and support individuals on their journey to wellness.



**As we look ahead, I am inspired by the resilience and generosity that define our community. Thank you for your continued support of TMI's mission and for standing with us as we work to create safer, healthier, and more hopeful futures for the people of Martinsburg.**

**Warm regards,**

*Margaret*

NOVEMBER 2025

SUCCESS BY THE

# NUMBERS

*Measuring our impact on the community this month.*

11

EDUCATORS TRAUMA TRAINED

MENTORING BY LEAD

11

STUDENTS

25

SESSIONS

16

HOURS

REFERRALS TO TMI

32

TOTAL

28

FROM SCHOOLS

3

FROM COMMUNITY

# CURRENT STUDENTS ON CASELOAD 148

22

Social Determinants of Health Screenings.

44

Referrals to Resources.

27

Sessions to provide therapeutic activities to moderate and high-risk children.

89

Total hours spent in sessions.

## CLASSROOMS WITH 2 LAW ENFORCEMENT VISITS

2

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

10

Families Case-Managed by FCOC

1.75

Home visits with children/families with high-risk designation

# PSS ENGAGEMENT

3

Attempted follow-ups with no response (text, phone, visit)

11

Follow-ups with with 2-way engagement

## PSS COMMUNITY EVENTS

3

*Events Attended*

6

*Hours Spent at Events*

## PSS COMMUNITY MEETINGS

4

*Meetings Attended*

6

*Hours Spent at Meetings*

## PSS AGENCY MEETINGS

1

*Meetings Attended*

2

*Hours Spent at Meetings*

BY TMI STAFF

# HONORING THE LEGACY OF CHIEF MAURICE “MAURY” RICHARDS

*Founder of The  
Martinsburg Initiative*



*The Martinsburg Initiative mourns the passing of Chief Maurice “Maury” Richards, our founder, visionary, and friend. Maury shaped our organization with a clarity of purpose rooted in compassion, community, and a deep belief in the potential of every child. His life’s work continues to guide everything we do.*

Maury brought to Martinsburg a lifetime of service. After an 18-year career as a steelworker, he spent more than two decades with the Chicago Police Department, becoming a national leader in community policing and gang-violence prevention. When he became Chief of the Martinsburg Police Department in 2015, he carried that same commitment to innovation and collaboration, transforming police-community relationships and achieving historic reductions in crime.



*He often said, “We’re not going to arrest or treat our way out of the problem.” Instead, he pushed us to focus on prevention, connection, and hope.*



It was here in Martinsburg that Maury created his powerful legacy: The Martinsburg Initiative. Grounded in the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences, TMI was born from his belief that preventing substance use disorder and strengthening communities requires starting early, supporting families, and uniting schools, law enforcement, and local partners.

Maury’s ideas were bold, sometimes years ahead of their time. He insisted that officers visit schools daily, not to enforce but to connect. He co-created the Adopt a Classroom program, giving thousands of children positive, affirming experiences with police officers. He saw community problems with a rare clarity: that the path to safer neighborhoods begins with supporting kids, building resilience, and putting compassion into policy and practice.

*“God intertwined our paths in a very unlikely way. Through Chief, I have been given the opportunity of a lifetime. I will honor the program that he started as well as my commitment to do what I can to help it prosper.”*

## MENTOR BRIAN HAIRSTON

Those who worked with Maury remember him as both tough and deeply principled. Margaret Kursey, TMI’s Director, remembers him as “one of my heroes.” Assistant Director Noel Canellas recalls his “progressive, clear-eyed understanding that we needed to start with children, not wait until later.” Mentor Brian Hairston remembers long conversations and basketball games that grew into mentorship and a partnership.

*Dr. Mary Hendrix, President of Shepherd University, remembers Maury Richards as “an extraordinary humanitarian. His commitment to help others, especially the most vulnerable, was an unparalleled virtue.*

He became part of our community fabric. He gave us a mission, purpose, and a foundation upon which to continue his remarkable legacy. He left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds, and we are inspired to carry on his good deeds in his honor.”

Stacie Rohn, Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle remembers when she and Maury presented on the Senate floor during a hearing arranged by Senator Capito’s office: “In the early days of The Martinsburg Initiative, Chief Richards and I were invited by Senator Shelly Moore Capito to present on the impact of opioids on the families of children in our community. Maury spoke of how The Martinsburg Initiative set out to effect change in how we addressed prevention through partnership. His approach, grounded in science-based solutions, focused on how Adverse Childhood Experiences affect a child’s development and would require a holistic approach to meeting the needs of our most fragile youth. Maury shared that the epidemic would not be addressed in silos and that the broader community would need to come together to support families in crisis. I shared stories of how some of our children were faring in the struggle. The Club was a space where our families were met without judgment, and we could reach out to them to find solutions.



*In Maury's first weeks as Chief, he came to the Club and held a listening session with some of our older members. He wanted to know what the perception of his officers was among our members. Most of their experiences were not positive, and Maury set out to change that.*

**STACIE ROHN, CEO**

*Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle*

He established a relationship with our teens that was built on trust. We spent the next year hosting officers for playing ball, reading, or playing ping pong. He encouraged the kids to call him by his name and to get to know the officers by theirs as well.

The following year, he came back for another listening session with the same group of teens. The relationship had changed. They were able to identify officers by name and were more inclined to ask for help. On other occasions, we invited Maury when political leaders visited the Club. Here, Maury and Senator Joe Manchin spent the afternoon learning about the mentoring programs at the Boys & Girls Club."

Rosa Clark, former Principal at South Middle School, knew Maury as a PASS volunteer. "He had a PASS student at South Middle School. He was very dedicated to this student." She also remembers how "Maury and some other policemen would play basketball at Martinsburg High School on the weekend. One night, some students were in the small gymnasium and went into where the officers were playing, took one of their basketballs, and ran.

On Monday morning, Maury came to my office and asked for my help. We identified the students. He asked what we should do. My suggestion was to have the students wash police cars on Saturday and go to church with me on Sunday morning. Maury had the students at the station washing cars on Saturday, and they came to church with Maury and me on Sunday.

Suspending them from school would have been what they would have wanted." This story reflects Maury Richards' vision for TMI: meeting young people with accountability and compassion, building trust through positive relationships, and choosing restorative, community-centered responses over punishment so that moments of misbehavior become growth opportunities.



Even after retiring and facing an ALS diagnosis, Maury remained rooted in the values that defined him: service, integrity, and the belief that communities are strongest when they stand together.

Maury Richards leaves behind a lasting legacy, one that lives in the classrooms where officers are now familiar faces, in the families whose futures are brighter, and in every child who feels safer and more supported because of the vision he set in motion. We are honored to continue this work in his name.



# CALL FOR MENTORS!

We are seeking volunteer mentors to support students!



## HELP STUDENTS

### **What will mentors do?**

- Build positive relationships
- Meet with students at least once a week for thirty minutes
- Improve academic performance
- Build life skills

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# MEET EMILY

## *School Support Specialist*

*My name is Emily Hawver, and I am the School Support Specialist at Berkeley Heights Elementary School. I work with the children one-on-one and in small groups, as well as provide crisis intervention for other students when I am able. I am also teaching Too Good For Drugs in all 19 classrooms.*

We have about 500 kids in the school and teaching Too Good For Drugs in the classrooms has helped me to build rapport and relationships with students I might not get a chance to get to know otherwise, as well as build a stronger bond with the students already on my caseload. The kids from last year remembered me teaching and the puppet I brought to each class. I have also found that students approach me more out in the community when I am currently teaching in their classrooms, which has also allowed me to build relationships with parents of students not on my caseload.

This school year, I am working with the social committee on school social events alongside several other staff members to engage more families in the school and build a stronger sense of community. I am also working hands-on with families to provide support inside and outside of the school. I am looking forward to the rest of the school year and the challenges and successes it will bring.

**BY EMILY HAWVER**



# MEET MADI

## *School Support Specialist*

*My name is Madison Barrow, and I have been the School Support Specialist at Tuscarora Elementary and the C.A.R.E.S. Academy for the past three years. I have made many connections with children throughout my time here, and I have been able to watch my kids use all the skills I have taught them. I work with many children who struggle with behavioral issues at the C.A.R.E.S. Academy, and this has been very rewarding.*



One child specifically struggled at his home school and was aggressive with many staff members and classmates. He came to the C.A.R.E.S. Academy, did amazingly well, and was able to return to his home school. I got a call from his mom, who told me I was invited to an Awards Ceremony at his school because he was getting an award for best behavior in his class. It was so bittersweet to see a child make so much progress and succeed.

With the holidays coming up, Tuscarora wants to make some children's holidays a little more special. With the help of our school counselor, we have been able to get 12 parents, staff, and community members to sponsor families that need extra help with the holidays. We are eager to get these gifts to the families and hear all about the gifts the children received.

**BY MADISON BARROW**

BY JESSICA MICHAEL



# MEET JESSICA

## *School Support Specialist*

*My name is Jessica Michael, and this is my fourth year as The Martinsburg Initiative School Support Specialist at Martinsburg High School. This is a special year for me, as I have four seniors on my caseload, and I have had the privilege of working with them since they were freshmen. I have seen tremendous maturity and growth in these four students over the last four years.*

Being a social worker in a school, especially one as diverse as Martinsburg High School, brings a mix of challenges and rewards, supporting students not only with academic concerns but also with emotional, social, and family issues that shape their lives. Over the last four years, I have been a listener, an advocate, and a trusted adult for many of my students. It will be exceptional for me this year to watch these four students walk across the stage and receive their diplomas, knowing I had a small part in their success.

Looking back over the last four years with each of these students, I am reminded of many meetings that involved both laughter and tears. There have been many sessions promoting mental health, teaching coping skills, collaborating on behavior plans, and ultimately encouraging these students to think and dream beyond the present. It has been an honor to watch these students grow, to feel seen and supported, and to know they are capable of success.

*“Each day is challenging, and each year brings new obstacles, but I know the work I do within the school walls is meaningful.”*

Just last month, I was pleasantly surprised when a student who graduated 2 years ago (2024) came to visit me; he is now in his sophomore year of college. I had only met this student during his senior year, but he was dealing with some problems at home and in his personal relationships. He wanted to let me know how he was doing in school and the impact that I had on him during his senior year.

The student said he often hears my voice in his head, encouraging him when he wants to quit. His words were so motivating to me, reminding me that my role here at Martinsburg not only shapes the school culture and climate, but also the futures of the students I serve, one conversation and one connection at a time.

**MEET JESSICA**

*School Support Specialist*



BY TMI STAFF

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

# GIVING BACK IN CHARLES TOWN

*Misty Waits, Police Support Specialist at the Charles Town Police Department, recently partnered with The Anthology Church to support the local homeless community.*



The church's youth group thoughtfully prepared 48 backpacks filled with essential items and personally delivered them to Misty. Pictured are Pastor Curtis, Youth Group Leader Michelle, her daughter Kendall, and Misty with the backpacks, an inspiring example of young people taking the lead to make a real difference in their community. Their efforts highlight the power of collaboration and compassion in addressing local needs.

# Learn. Engage. Create.



## Martinsburg, WV

In partnership with The Martinsburg Initiative and West Virginia Department of Education.

### Overview

Based on survey results, participants noted the importance of communication, building trust, creative engagement strategies, and forming stronger school- family-community partnerships through consistency and creativity. They appreciated opportunities to collaborate with peers, share ideas, and explore practical, low barrier family engagement approaches.

### Impact

Nearly all participants (**94%**) agreed or strongly agreed that they left the training with new insights or strategies to strengthen family engagement.



## Key Takeaways & Participant Voice



### Family engagement can be simple , consistent, and intentional.

"Family engagement doesn't have to be a big deal just frequent."  
"Engagements is small moments."



### Family engagement & connection can be strengthened through hands-on strategies like art and LEGO® play.

"You can add play to engage in the simplest of ways."  
"[There are] so many more opportunities for family engagement than I thought before."



### Family engagement is built through partnership and trust.

"Loved the connection between trust and engagement."  
"Learning what family engagement is and how we can all work together."

## Strategies Learned

- Learning more about the **definition** of family engagement
- **Art** as a way to communicate
- Importance of **building trust** when working with families
- Utilizing **communication** with everyone involved with a student.

## Notes to EdVenture

- *I am grateful to have taken part in this training and networking opportunity. They have assisted with my own motivation to be more strategic with how we engage families.*
- *Great training. Love the activities and diversity.*
- *This was great opportunity to improve and network with other professions.*
- *[I am]thinking about ways to create school-community connections.*
- *Everything is relevant and was pieced together collaboratively.*

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**Drug-Free<sup>WV</sup>**

A Coalition For Our Community

BY DIANA ANTHONY

MUHS DRUG FREE WV  
YOUTH COALITION:

# EMPOWERING CHANGE AND HOPE

*The MuHS Drug Free<sup>WV</sup> Youth Coalition continues to make an incredible impact within our school and community.*

As the coalition's advisor, I am honored to work alongside such passionate and dedicated youth who are committed to having meaningful conversations about mental health, vaping and tobacco use, substance use, and stigma—while serving as positive role models for their peers and younger generations.

One coalition member shared, "Being part of our youth coalition showed me that my voice actually matters and that I can help create real change in our school." Their words reflect the heart of this group and the influence they're having every day.



## FALL SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS



*Our coalition members had a busy and rewarding fall semester, participating in a variety of impactful events and service projects:*

### OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Students encouraged staff and classmates to wear purple, created awareness ribbons, shared overdose statistics, distributed informational resources, and “ducked” the student body with purple ribbon ducks to promote awareness and remembrance.

### SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

(September) – Sponsored a Wall of Hope in the cafeteria where students shared messages of encouragement and learned about available mental health resources.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Sponsored four trunks at The Martinsburg Initiative’s annual Trunk or Treat, providing a safe and fun community engagement opportunity.

### WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Spread positivity by leaving kind and uplifting notes on car windshields throughout the school parking lot.

### INTERNATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS DAY

Sponsored a memorial table and memory box in the cafeteria and coordinated a moment of silence during morning announcements.

### HOLIDAY GIVING

Sponsored a Christmas family by raising funds, shopping, and wrapping gifts. Members also volunteered at the Joys & Toys community event, helping unload, organize, and distribute donated items to local families.



## LOOKING AHEAD

*As we move into the spring semester, coalition members are leading the I PROMise Campaign to promote safe and responsible decision-making during prom season. They are also organizing the annual Penny Wars fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting a local agency that supports community needs. ❤️*

The coalition continues to collaborate and develop innovative approaches to expand outreach within both the school and the wider community. Our youth continue to demonstrate exceptional leadership, insight, and compassion—using their voices to inspire meaningful change. The MuHS Drug Free <sup>WV</sup> Youth Coalition remains steadfast in its mission to empower students and help build a healthier, stronger future for our school and community.



# Check out Shepherd University's New Youth Coalition!



## TMI STAFF

*Shepherd University's newly formed Drug-Free<sup>WV</sup> Student Coalition, led by faculty advisor Albina Laskovtsov, is hitting the ground running! Focused on educating, preventing, and reducing stigma around substance use, this student-led group promotes personal and community well-being.*

# Drug-Free<sup>WV</sup>

A Coalition For Our Community

They recently hosted a tabling event at the Rams Den, engaging students on the importance of stigma-free language around substance use. The student-led group is dedicated to educating, preventing, and reducing stigma, promoting both personal and community well-being. Attendees learned how bias-free language and understanding substance use can make a real difference in creating a supportive campus environment. The Youth Coalition is excited to continue its mission and welcomes students to join the coalition and be part of positive change.

It's truly empowering to see youth taking the lead in promoting stigma-free conversations and substance use prevention. Their initiative and passion show that students can drive meaningful change in their communities.

SPEAK UP. **STAY SAFE.**

ever feel  
**UNSAFE**  
at **SCHOOL**



A MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY

**Drug-Free<sup>WV</sup>**

A Coalition For Our Community

*Learn more at [themartinsburginitiative.com](http://themartinsburginitiative.com)*





**4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**COMMUNITY CUP COFFEE & MORE**

Open to community members 55+  
No appointment needed.

# Coffee and Care

Monthly Senior Wellness Events

## **WHAT IS COFFEE AND CARE?**

A free monthly event designed to support the health, safety, and wellness of our 55+ community. Enjoy coffee, conversation, and rotating activities that help you stay connected and informed.

## **HOW CAN THE MARTINSBURG INITIATIVE'S SOCIAL WORKERS HELP ME?**

Housing assistance applications | Utility relief and benefits navigation | Medicare/Medicaid guidance | Health and wellness information | Caregiver and behavioral health referrals | "Stay Safe at Home" kits for eligible seniors

## **UPCOMING TOPICS:**

- Dementia & Alzheimer's signs, support, and prevention
- Support for caregivers and recognizing elder abuse
- Fall prevention and home safety tips
- Navigating government phones and email
- Medicare/Medicaid enrollment Q&A;
- Chair yoga or gentle movement sessions
- Nutrition for healthy aging



The Martinsburg Initiative and Community  
Cup Coffee and More present:

# Senior Support



The Martinsburg Initiative's Social Workers will be on-site weekly to assist senior citizens with vital resources, including:

- Help staying safely housed
- Utility relief & benefits navigation
- Medicare/Medicaid guidance
- Health & wellness info
- Caregiver and behavioral health referrals
- Providing free "Stay Safe at Home" Kits for eligible seniors

No appointment needed — just stop in for coffee and connection!

 **Community Coffee Cup and More**  
 **Every Tuesday | 10 AM – 12 PM**



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# START TALKING BEFORE SHE HEADS OFF TO SCHOOL.

It's never too early to have a conversation about alcohol and other drugs.

The sooner you talk about the dangers of underage drinking and substance use, the greater chance you have of influencing your child's decisions about using alcohol and other drugs. For tips on how—and when—to begin the conversation, visit

[www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov](http://www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov)

#TalkTheyHearYou

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*Get the facts about electronic cigarettes, their health effects and the risks of using e-cigarettes.*

E-cigarettes (also called “vapes”) have been the most commonly used tobacco product among U.S. youth since 2014. Educators can make a real difference by engaging in meaningful conversations with their students about the dangers of vaping for young people and ways to quit.

CDC launched the Empower Vape-Free Youth™ campaign in 2023 to encourage middle and high school educators to speak with students about the risks of e-cigarettes and nicotine addiction. The campaign also provides resources for educators to help students avoid or quit vaping.

**EMPOWER**  
*Vape-Free*  
**YOUTH™**



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# A MODEL SOLUTION

TO A NATIONAL PROBLEM

*Our mission is to prevent substance use disorders, build strong families, and empower the Martinsburg community through police, school, community, health, and education partnerships.*

1

### Increase awareness

of how to prevent substance use disorder through community empowerment.

2

### Mitigate negative consequences

Resulting from substance misuse or trauma through community interventions, medication overdose.

3

### Identify, risk stratify and offer appropriate interventions

for individuals experiencing risk factors of trauma or substance misuse.

4

### Evaluate and report performance.



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